

*The CASE of the Inn-keepers and others
that Quarter'd and Cloth'd the Army rais'd
ed by Act of Parliament in 1677, and Dis-
banded by another Act in 1679. 5*

TH E said Army being rais'd to Enter into an actual War against the French King, the Persons concern'd (with several Others long since paid) upon the Credit of the said Act of Parliament in the Year One Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Seven, did furnish the same with Cloths, Utensils of War, Quarters, and other Necessaries amounting to a very considerable Sum, not doubting but to receive full Satisfaction for the same, having their Credit built upon so Sacred a Security as that of an Act of Parliament.

But it so happen'd, That the said Act for granting a Supply to His then Majesty for Paying off and Disbanding the said Forces, fell short of answering the End for which it was given, by reason of some Commotions in Scotland, which occasion'd the keeping up of that Army some Time longer than was design'd.

This *Parliamentary* Debt being not hitherto satisfied, the Persons concern'd have often Address'd the Honourable House of Commons by Petitions for Relief, and the House have as often been pleas'd (which they gratefully acknowledge) to make Orders thereon of References to Committees, and those Committees several Times Reported the State of this Debt as appear'd to them by Certificates sign'd by the then Commissioners for Disbanding the Army, and Orders of the then Lords of the Treasury thereupon, directed to the *Exchequer*, where they were Registred, as likewise appear'd by the Auditor Sir Robert Howard's Certificate thereof.

Upon the making of those several Reports to the Honourable House, the House was pleas'd to resolve to go into Committees of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted for the Payment of the said Debt, and particularly upon the Seventeenth Day of *February*, 1697, the House upon a Report from a Committee of the whole House upon the Supply, were pleas'd to agree to a Resolution from that Committee of the whole House as follows.

Resolved,

That there is due for Quartering and Cloathing the Army Rais'd by Act of Parliament, in 1677. and Disbanded by another Act in 1679. for Principal Money the Sum of 49929 l. 6 s. 10 d. as by the several Entries in the Journals of this Honourable House will more fully appear.

The Persons concern'd humbly apprehend, That Her Majesty at the Meeting of this Parliament was graciously pleas'd to express her Desire from the Throne to this Honourable House for the Satisfaction of the Publick Debts; and Her Majesty was further pleas'd to say, *That the Justice of Parliament in satisfying former Engagements is the certain Way of preserving and establishing the National Credit.*

Your Honours having since been pleas'd to Address Her Majesty, That Her Majesty would be pleas'd to give Directions, that an Account of all the Publick Debts unprovided for might be laid before this House;

And that your Honours having also Resolv'd, that you will take care effectually to discharge the Publick Debts.

Gives fresh Hopes to the Persons concern'd, that they shall now be no longer continued Sufferers by having trusted to *Parliamentary* Security.

And therefore they humbly Pray, That they may share in your Honours Justice with those other unprovided Parliamentry Debts contracted since upon the like Occasion, and on the same Credit with the Persons herein concern'd.